

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, September 12, 2011 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2011 meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MADRIGAL

Paul Grizzard, Rushville High School Choir Director, asked for permission to once again utilize the courthouse for the annual Madrigal performances. The time period for rehearsals and performances will be from November 29 until December 4. Ken Masters made the motion to allow the Madrigals access to the courthouse for the defined period. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

Chuck Kemker, EMA Director, asked to add a representative from Rush Memorial Hospital to the membership of the EMA Advisory Council. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve and sign Amended Ordinance 1994-5 Rush County Emergency Management Ordinance, and to also approve and sign Resolution 2011-6 Adopting the Rush County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Chet Walker, Director of the Boys and Girls Club, appeared before the commissioners to express his appreciation for the counties support of the clubs various programs. Tom Barnes stated that he totally endorsed their program.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-seven (47) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County Jail. Sherwood reported that the painting of the courthouse canon has been completed.

MASTER GARDENERS

Tom Barnes asked Jeff Sherwood if he could provide manual labor from the jail trustees to assist the Master Gardeners during their renovation project of the courthouse landscaping. Barnes also asked Jerry Sitton to provide trucks for hauling.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, reported that the Bridge Inspection Phase II books have been received.

Sitton submitted the August monthly report for the commissioners to review.

Sitton discussed the INDOT ADA Transition Plan of Action. Sitton reported that only three (3) counties in Indiana have a plan in place. Sitton stated that he needed to meet with the commissioners and the county attorney. Sitton noted that any government building falls beneath this plan.

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the temporary ROW on Carthage Pike Phase III Partial #109 and #109A of William and Reba Clements. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims for the period ending September 16, 2011 from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adams received approval of Bi-weekly claims submitted September 6, 2011 from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adams reported that County budget hearings and adoptions will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2011 and Thursday, September 15, 2011. Ken Masters will present the commissioners prepared budgets.

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the surety bond for Susan Spaeth, Deputy Treasurer. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Masters made the motion to approve the surety bond for Traci Chandler, Deputy Clerk. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adams reported that notification has been received that the Indiana Soldiers' & Sailors' Children's Home has been proposed for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination will be considered on October 26, 2011.

EMS

EMS run reports were received and reviewed by the commissioners

- Raleigh Fire Dept
- Carthage Vol Fire Dept
- Rush Memorial Ambulance service

VACATE ALLEY PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held at 9:30 A.M. regarding the petitions to vacate two (2) platted alleys in New Salem.

Robert and Juanita Cooper filed a petition to vacate a platted but unimproved alley in New Salem. William and Iola Kirkendall filed a petition to vacate a platted but unimproved alley in New Salem.

The commissioners reviewed the material presented. Ken Masters made the motion to authorize the closing of both alleys. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MISC.

- Questions were raised with further explanation's provided concerning fringe benefits as listed on payroll claims. The fringe benefits are only taxed and are not additional income. It was explained how the Internal Revenue requires this taxation as a taxable fringe benefit.
- John Saxon questioned the commissioners if they would look out of the county or in the county for labor during any infrastructure building stimulus funding received. The commissioners responded that they first look at the availability of local tradesmen first. Jerry Sitton noted that in state and INDOT projects there are no choices.
- Saxon questioned if the Surveyor bids are awarded on a point system. Marvin Rees stated that it is on a point system and who did the business last. Tom Barnes further explained that the point system is somewhat used, but that money is the driving point that is considered. Barnes stated that the point system describes how well the contractor has worked with the county. Rees explained that there are substandard contractors. If a property owner request a certain contractor the drainage board will go with that contractor.
- The question was raised regarding year end invitation to bid process. It was explained by those involved in the process, how they each have made contact with suppliers, advertise the notice in the newspaper and on the county website.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/Tom Barnes
Tom Barnes, Chairman

/s/Marvin Cole
Marvin Cole

/s/Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor

